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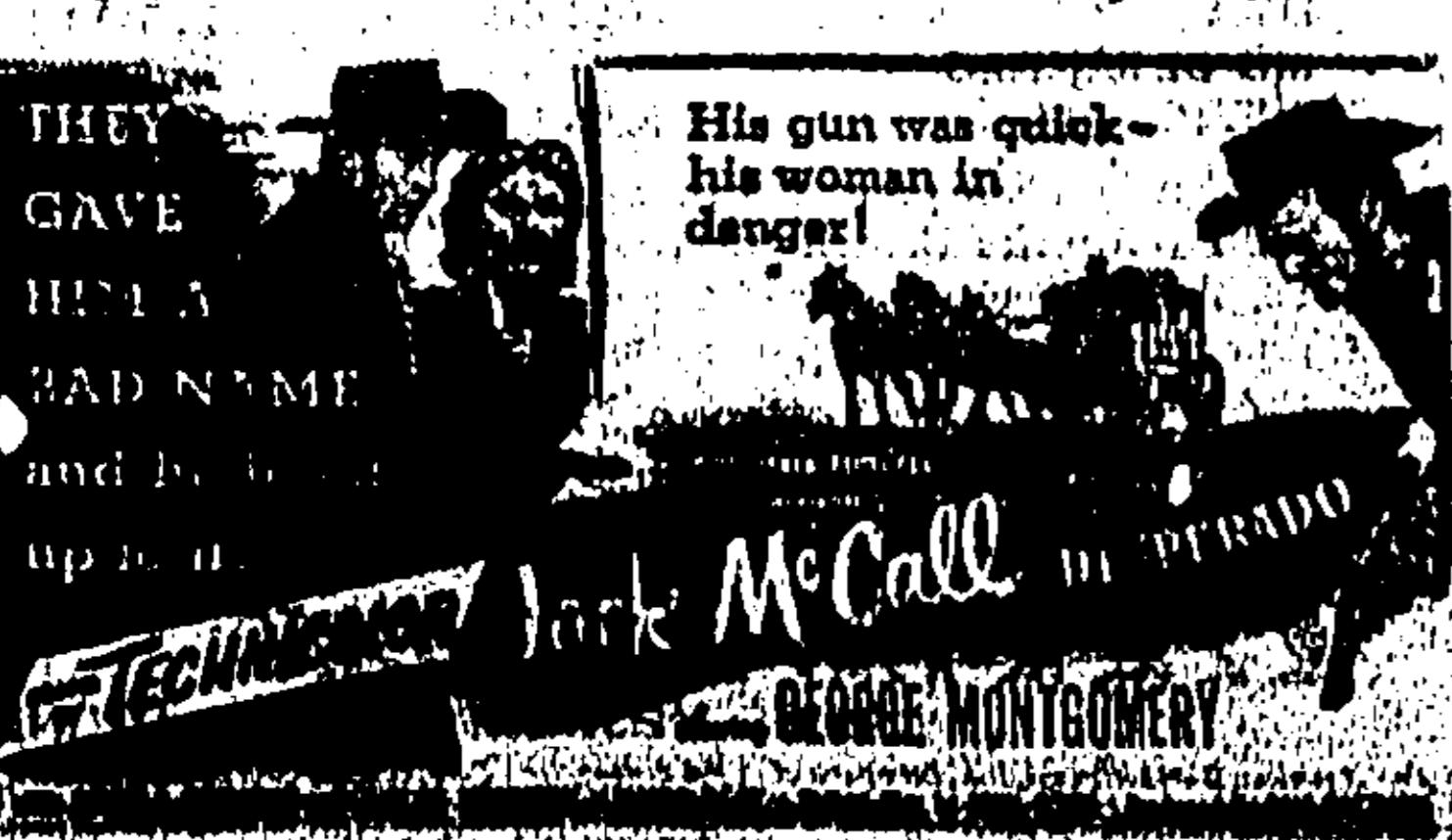
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MIDDLE-EAST PACT

NEARER

US Favours Regional Security System

London, Feb. 11. Preliminary American contacts which may lead to the establishment of a regional security system stretching from Turkey to Pakistan are nearing completion, it is believed in diplomatic quarters here.

American sympathy with the creation of a local system of defensive alliances of the Balkan pact type has been made clear both to Pakistan and to Turkey, it is thought here.

Discussions on the possibility of granting United States military aid to Pakistan are already advanced.

Although the formal approaches have yet been made,

the possibility of concluding a

pact of friendship and mutual aid between the two countries is believed here to be viewed favourably both in Ankara and Islamabad, and some further, more concrete, moves are regarded as probable in the near future.

Should this pact materialise it is recognised here that it might provide the basis for adherence by other neighbouring states, notably the states which, with Turkey, formed the Spandau Pact system of the inter-war period—Persia, Iraq and Afghanistan.

American backing for such a regional system would, it is thought here, be assured.

NO DIRECT LINK

No direct link with the United States such as had been contemplated in the Middle East Defence Organisation of which Britain, France and the United States, as well as countries of the Middle East, were to be members is likely.

But a regional system of this kind would certainly enjoy as close contact with the military staffs of the Western Powers as that enjoyed by Yugoslavia, from within the Balkan Pact.

Moreover, the form of the Spanish-American bases agreement makes it clear that current American military thinking does not consider the peace-time occupation and development of war-time bases to be essential.

ALTERNATIVE TO MEDO

Officials, however, do not give a clear reply to questions whether such a system, if it were to materialise, would be an alternative to the present Middle East Defence Organisation in which Turkey and the "Big Three" Western Powers would have enjoyed a special position.

The fact seems to be that an Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the future of the Suez Canal base would give this scheme a fresh start. In the face of Anglo-Egyptian deadlock, however, fresh plans for the security of the area between Europe and Asia are being canvassed.

In these new plans, the leading role would be taken by the indigenous states and not by the Great Powers.

PREOCCUPIED WITH SUEZ

Britain, while being kept informed, is, in fact, still pre-occupied with the question of the Suez Canal base and the chances of securing Egyptian co-operation in its use.

Should a new security system along Russia's southern frontier begin to take shape, it is clear that Turkey would occupy a key role. Besides membership of such a system, Turkey, which bridges Europe and Asia, is also a member of the Balkan Pact system and of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

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The possibility of establishing a secure defence system between Asia and the Middle East has for some time been explored by the United States.

United States' Secretary of State Mr. John Foster Dulles, on his return from his tour of the Middle East and Asia early last summer, commented favourably upon the vitality and independence of what he called the "northern tier" of nations linking Asia and Europe.

At that time, he also recognised the immense difficulties both in the form of Anglo-Egyptian discord and/or Israeli-Arab hatred which stand in the way of the earlier concept of a strictly Middle East defence organisation. — China Mail Special.

Film Producer

Files

Divorce Suit

Los Angeles, Feb. 10. Fred Packard today filed suit for divorce from Shaleigh Mary Packard, daughter of the English movie executive, J. Arthur Rank, on grounds of desertion.

Packard indicated an international battle over custody of the couple's two U.S.-born children—Susan, 6, and Fred Arthur II—might be waged when he asked the Court to order that the children be educated in American schools.

His lawyer, S. S. Hahn, said Packard, an American citizen, was en route to England to sue their custody.

Hahn said the family went to England in 1950 when Packard worked for Rank. After the marriage, he said, Packard returned home but his wife came to follow. — United Press.

One Of Farouk's Companions



No US Government Farm Surplus Exports For Russia

Washington, Feb. 10.

The United States Government announced today it would allow the sale of surplus farm products to the Soviet bloc provided they were first obtained by American exporters in the open market.

But the new policy, announced by the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Sinclair Weeks, forbids the sale of such products from Government-owned stocks.

His statement said "it has been decided to deny commercial export licensing for the export for cash of United States Government-owned surplus agricultural and vegetable products to Russia or her satellites."

"This does not exclude study of license applications for exporting stated products to the Soviet bloc if acquired by exporters in the open market and not from Government-owned stocks," — Reuters.

STRATEGIC BAN

Moscow, Feb. 10. Some of the goods that Russia wants to buy from Britain are on the British strategic list, the leader of the British front of businessmen said today at the end of their two-week trade visit to Moscow.

Mr. J. B. Scott, said the Soviet Foreign Trade Minister, Mr. Ivan Kabanov, "spoke frankly about this list" and "expressed the hope for a successful expansion of business in spite of the list."

Eight of the group left Moscow today but 20 others stayed behind for private discussions.

Mr. Scott told Mr. Kabanov at a banquet last night that Britain welcomed a statement given to the group by the Minister a week ago in which the Russian Government listed 61 items they would like to buy from Britain, including heavy machinery.

BIG BUSINESS

Mr. Scott said today it was impossible to give a figure of the business done or projected by the group's visit. Some 90 prisoners asked to be sent to neutral countries.

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Former POW's Want To Emigrate

United Nations, N.Y., Feb. 10.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Dr. Dag Hammarskjold, told a press conference here today the United Nations was actively concerned with the fate of the former Korean war prisoners who had asked to emigrate to neutral countries and would contribute to all efforts aimed at having them admitted into these countries.

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NEW SOVIET PLEDGE TO PREVENT WAR

But Armed Forces To Be Strengthened "To Ensure Our Security"

London, Feb. 10.
The Kremlin pledged tonight it would do its utmost to prevent the outbreak of another war. The pledge was made in a 9,000-word election manifesto, issued by the Soviet Party. The manifesto defined Soviet foreign policy as one of "peace and friendship between all peoples".

But at the same time, it warned that it was necessary to continue to improve and strengthen "continuously" Soviet armed forces "in order to ensure the security of our country."

A United Press report stated that Russia was reported to be conducting an atomic defence survey in Eastern Germany aimed at placing atomic artillery with Red Army units deployed in the West.

Could Climb Everest Without Oxygen

Madras, Feb. 10.
Tensing Norkay, Sherpa porter and conqueror of Everest, said here he thought it possible to climb the world's highest mountain without using oxygen.

"We certainly can climb Everest without oxygen, given other favourable conditions," he added.

"Lambert (Raymond Lambert, the Swiss climber) and I nearly did that when the Swiss expedition tackled the mountain," he pointed out. But he admitted that without oxygen getting to the summit would become more of a race against time and weather.—China Mail Special.

10,000 Chinese Guerillas Still In Burma

Bangkok, Feb. 10.
The Burmese Ambassador to Thailand, U Pe Kha, told the press here today that eight to ten thousand Chinese Nationalist guerillas still remained in Burma.

He said that "150 are expected to be evacuated every other day under the new plan of the joint committee."

The Burmese government will extend the truce until Feb. 28.

Afterwards, the Burmese forces will attack the guerillas and destroy them."

Meanwhile, American sources here disclosed that they expected about 4,000 Chinese to withdraw, including 1,000, who were previously co-operating with the Karen rebels but have recently fallen out with them.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS: 3 Sheath (3), 5 Royal residence (6), 9 Lovable (8), 11 Protects (6), 12 Porched (4), 13 Hinder (6), 18 Rustic (5), 19 Precious stone (4), 22 Joined together (8), 24 NCO (8), 25 Sporting dog (6), 26 Withdraws (8), 27 Retributes (8).

DOWN: 1 Fit (5), 2 Swift (5), 3 Disperse (7), 4 Grant (4), 5 Excludes (4), 6 Reddish-brown (6), 7 Fears (6), 10 Command (5), 14 Teacher (6), 15 Hikes (7), 16 Agree (6), 17 Vegetable (6), 20 Harmony (6), 21 Bedrock (8), 22 Stupor (4), 23 Support for calls (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3. Globular, 5. Eccentric, 10. Eraser, 12. Related, 15. Metal, 17. Diverts, 18. Curious, 20. Iris, 21. Talents, 25. Interpreter, 29. Indulged, 30. Down: 2. Turn, 3. Cylinder, 5. Lower, 7. Novel, 8. Clever, 9. Satty, 11. Novel, 12. Sale, 14. Dialect, 15. Litter, 16. Reader, 17. Credit, 18. Novel, 19. Circle, 20. Novel, 21. Novel, 22. Novel, 23. Novel, 24. Novel, 25. Novel.

The Communist East German Army might have been "levied" deliberately by Communist agents.

They felt that the reports may have been "planted" to strengthen the hand of the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr V. M. Molotov, with his Berlin hints that the United States and Britain should clear out of the continent "to assure safety from atomic war."

But the sources said a Russian survey to see how tactical atomic weapons could be used most effectively in the terrain of Eastern Europe would be a "logical" development following the shipment to Europe on October 12 of the U.S. 888th Field Artillery Battalion with six "Atom Anne" guns.

MATADOR BOMBERS

American atom reinforcements from Europe, coupled with the expected arrival in Germany soon of United States pilotless Matador bombers, may have forced the Russians to speed up their own European defence plans, the informants said.

Recent military reports, for example, said that the addition of model Stalin II tanks have converted three Communist German motorised divisions into more potent armoured units.

Reports said also that German pilots being trained in Russia to fly MIG-15 fighters will be shipped back to Germany ahead of schedule to expand East German Air Force this year to three Russian-style air divisions.

The sources said these reports had altered the NATO Commander in advance for yesterday's Moscow dispatch quoting well-informed sources as saying that the Soviet Army had tested atomic artillery "of various calibres."

The Soviet survey, the sources said, is similar to nuclear defence plans ordered in Europe by General Matthew B. Ridgway before he left to become United States Army Chief of Staff.

"In a way, we had been tipped it was coming," one reliable informant said.

DELIBERATE "LEAK"

The report that reached the Western military chiefs before last night's dispatch from Moscow said that the Russian atom guns had been tested or were about to be fired in European Russia where the bulk of Russia's 214 divisions are massed behind the armour-weighted 32 Red Army divisions assigned to Eastern Germany.

Until last night's Moscow dispatch, Western intelligence authorities believed the recent reports of a speeded build-up in

Fourth Congress Of East German Reds

Berlin, Feb. 10.
The fourth congress of the East German Socialist Communist Party to be held since its foundation in 1946 will begin in Berlin on March 30, the Soviet Zone news agency ADN said tonight.

The opening speech will be given by Party President C. Wilhelm. He will be followed by Vice-Minister Walter Ulbricht who will present the Party's executive report.

A plan for modifying the party regulations is expected to be submitted by Karl Schirdewan.

The Congress will also elect officials. The closing speech is to be made by East German Premier Otto Grotewohl.—France-Press.

Returned From NATO Talks

London, Feb. 10.
Air Chief Marshal Sir William Dickson, chief of the Air Staff, arrived at London airport today from NATO meetings in Naples and Modena and a visit to Royal Air Force bases in the Middle East.

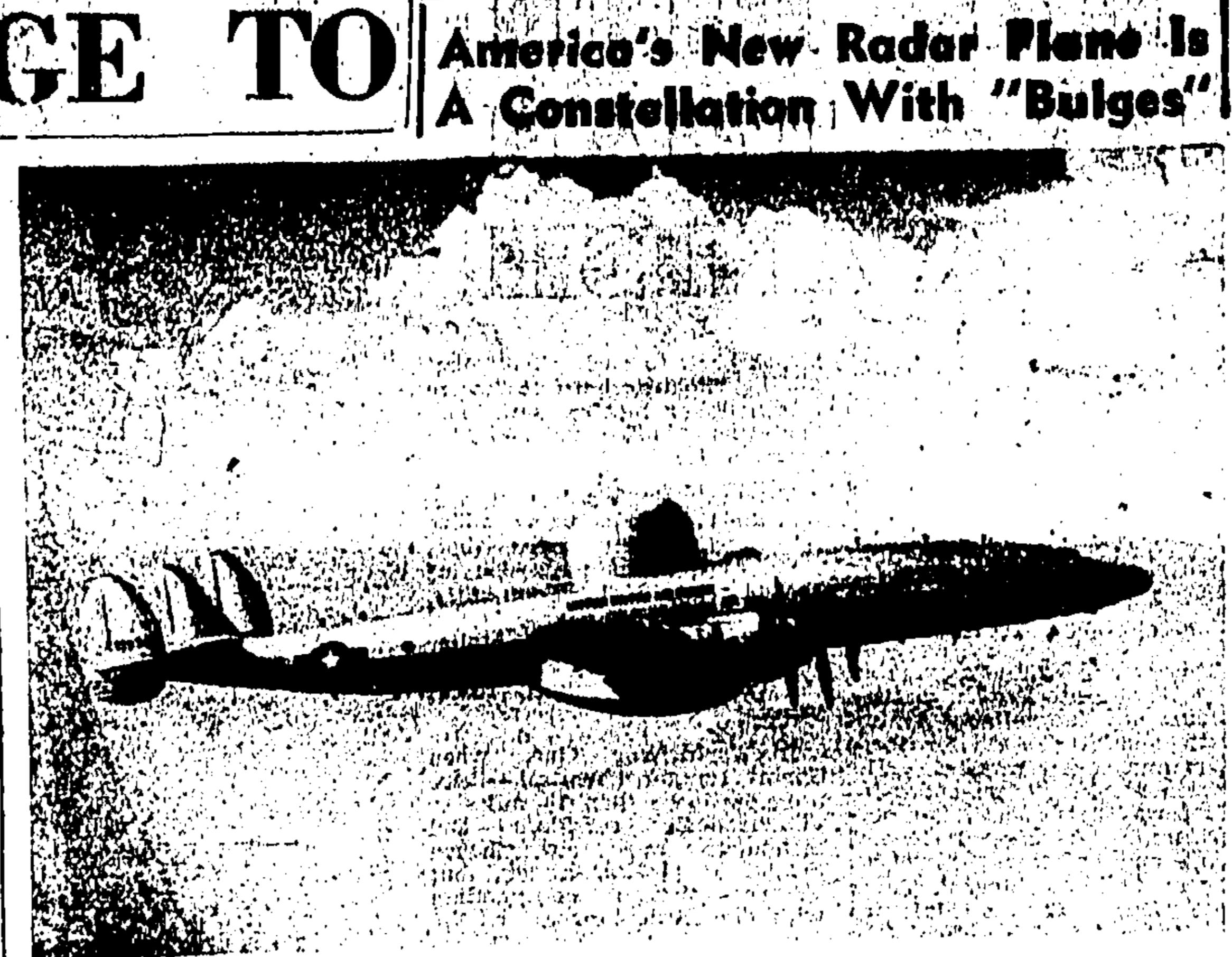
Sir William was representative for British Chiefs of Staff on standing groups of NATO.

He said he had been taking part in informal meetings with General L. J. Collins, United States representative with Admiral Fechteler, United States Navy Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces in Southern Europe, and with Admiral Lord Mountbatten, Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean.

He said that in the Canal zone he met the Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Air Force, Air Marshal C. B. Pelly, and talked over current problems of the Command, which covers Kenya as well as the Middle East.

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It is reported to be a definitive all-weather fighter powered by two Armstrong Siddeley



America's New Radar Plane Is A Constellation With "Bulges"

On Her Feet For 20 Out Of 32 Hours

QUEEN'S ITINERARY ALTERED TO AVOID STRAIN

Sydney, Feb. 10.

The Queen's programme has been changed for tomorrow to avoid strain for the Royal couple, the N.S.W. Premier, Mr J. J. Cahill, announced today. The Queen and the Duke returned to Sydney today from a 1,029-mile up-country tour of New South Wales after being on their feet for 20 hours out of 32.

Mr Cahill said the State Royal Visit Committee felt that after the heavy programme of the past few days, it would be imposing too great a strain on the Queen to drive back the 50 miles from Wollongong, as originally planned.

He said after the Royal visit to Wollongong, on the south coast, the Queen and the Duke would return to Sydney by train instead of by car.

However, the Royal couple showed little signs of strain or fatigue after returning from their up-country tour. And the Minister in Charge of the Royal Tour, Mr Eric Harrison, said tonight the Queen was "fresh and happy."

The Royal visit "up-country" covered about one-third of the total area of this vast sprawling state.

The Queen was on her feet for 20 hours out of 32 and, in addition, stood most of the way to Newcastle at the rear of the observation coach of the Royal train.

Apart from the rush and hubbub of the tour — there was a crowd stampede in which women were injured at Lismore — the weather conditions were unpleasant.

HUMIDITY AND RAIN

Steamy weather and rain persisted through both days of the trip, which included the big steel city of Newcastle and the important farming towns of Lismore and Dubbo.

Officials here are anxious to get Mr Allison's first-hand report on the possibilities of Japanese progress toward armament, which the United States is encouraging. They noted that the Japanese-American military aid agreement, under which United States arms will be given Japan, is expected to be signed by Mr Allison soon after his return to Tokyo, a fortnight hence.

Another matter concerns the American plan to purchase 300,000 surplus commodities to be sold in Japan for yen. A Japanese-American agreement on how to handle this food is in the final processes of negotiation and also is expected to be signed in Tokyo soon.

Mr Allison also will be asked for his views on the new Japanese "austerity" budget and the chances of Diet approval.

Problems which have arisen under the recently-applied administrative agreement, whereby Japan has criminal jurisdiction over offences committed by American military and civilian personnel of duty and of base, will be discussed too, officials said.

Officials declared that Mr Allison's views on the situation in Korea, particularly the deadlocked Panmunjom negotiations, also will be received with interest, although that is not a matter directly in his field.—United Press.

Soviet Protest On US Naval Visit To Turkey

Moscow, Feb. 10.
Red Star, the Soviet Defence Ministry newspaper, protested today that Turkey was violating the Montreux Convention by permitting a United States naval squadron to visit Istanbul.

The newspaper described the squadron's forthcoming visit as a "military demonstration which cannot be considered as a stop directed towards the improvement of good neighbourly relations between Turkey and the Soviet Union."

The Soviet Government also protested to Turkey last year against an American naval visit.

Red Star linked the American naval visit with joint Turkish-American manoeuvres, the visit to the United States of the Turkish President, Mr Celal Bayar, and the Berlin conference.

These were regarded by Russia as "new military demonstration directed against lessening international tension." It was hardly a coincidence that these events were taking place at the same time and the impression created is that these measures have a deliberate character."

Red Star said Turkey was being drawn into the sphere of American influence, and that being "friendly" and "neutral" turned into "hostile" and "aggressive" positions.

He's The Cook, Meteorologist And Handyman

The Ends Of The Earth Fascinate This Young Adventurer

The ends of the earth have a peculiar fascination for hunky 26-year-old Yorkshirian Peter Lancaster Brown. He has just returned from the Antarctic, according to cable reports from London.

And his services are in such demand that he expects to be back in the Antarctic again within a dozen months.

He did not name the planes or the manufacturers, but it is known that all the top-line firms have startling designs on the drawing boards or under construction.

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trials. There he learned meteorology—and learned to cook.

Back from the desert, he was snapped up by the Australian expedition headed for Antarctic Heard Island.

Officially, he was "aerial observer" the man who looks after the colour film in the Antarctic, takes and prints his pictures to meteorological standards.

He has come back from the "ends of the earth" (to Australia) and found work as a cook at a Sydney hotel.

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GIBRALTAR HAS BEEN BRITISH LONGER THAN IT WAS EVER SPANISH

By Peter Lovegrove

GIBRALTAR, that rocky "sentry-box" guarding the narrow sea-way between Europe and Africa where the Mediterranean and the Atlantic meet, which Her Majesty the Queen is to visit on May 10, will complete its 250th year under the British Crown on July 24.

It has recently been the target for threats by General Franco and hysterical demonstrations of nationalism by Spanish youths in Madrid and other cities, but in actual fact this naval base of vital strategic importance has been British territory longer than it ever was Spanish.

Known to the Greeks as Kalpe, it was one of the Pillars of Hercules of antiquity, and the Phoenicians were the first to found a

Moors were back in possession 24 years later, and it was not until the end of the fifteenth century that Spain regained control.

In 1704 it fell once more, this time to the combined British and Dutch forces under Admiral Sir George Rooke after a three-day siege. The War of the Spanish Succession was then in progress, with Britain supporting the claim of the Archduke Charles of Austria to the throne of Spain, and the original aim of Rooke's expedition had been to seize Barcelona. When this was found to be loyal to the Archduke's cause, Rooke struck at Gibraltar instead and, appreciating its strategic value, promptly hoisted the

siege in 1726, again made a "final" renunciation of their claims in 1729, and fifty years later launched, with the help of the French, their most ambitious effort to reduce the fortress.

This was Gibraltar's greatest siege, the small British garrison holding out indomitably against vastly superior forces for three years and seven months. The Governor and Commander-in-Chief was the dogged and experienced 70-year-old General Elliott, and he only had 5,500 men under his command. There were four British Infantry regiments—the 12th of Foot (the Suffolks), the 39th (the 1st Dorsets), the 50th (2nd Essex) and the 58th (2nd Northants), all of whom wear the castle of Gibraltar on their cap badges to commemorate their gallantry and endurance—the Manchester Volunteers, three Hanoverian regiments, a body of Marines and 420 Guards.

In World War One, when Spain remained neutral—there are now more than 10 miles of subterranean corridors—and manpower were strengthened against a possible attack, but Franco, though co-operating with the Axis Powers on the Russian front, prudently refrained from committing himself against the Allies.

Most Loyal

Gibraltar today has a civil population of some 23,000, of mixed Mediterranean and Spanish origin who count among Queen Elizabeth's most loyal subjects. Some 12,000 Spanish workmen cross the neutral zone every day to work for the British authorities.

Under a new Constitution promulgated in 1949, the Governor is assisted by a Legislative Council and an Executive Council. The Governor presides over the Legislative Council, which has three ex-officio members, five elected by the popular vote of the Rock's inhabitants, and two nominated members (of whom both may, and one must be unofficial).

A free port, with an extensive shipping trade and tourist traffic, it derives most of its revenue from port dues, and duties on a variety of commodities. It has virtually no home production, and depends on Spain for its fresh food and on rain storage for drinking water.

There have been two previous Royal visits—by King Edward VII in 1903 and King George V in 1912. George VI had also planned a visit for 1951, but was prevented by illness.

No Intention

During his recent campaign Franco has said that if Gibraltar is returned to Spain, he will leave back to Britain the dockyard and other military installations. But there is no intention in Whitehall to countenance any change in the territorial status of Gibraltar. And Franco's impertinent warning of the "resentment" the Queen's visit will cause in Spain has been firmly rejected by the Foreign Office.

In the House of Commons on January 25, Mr Selwyn Lloyd stated that Mr Eden had informed the Spanish Ambassador that he was not prepared to discuss the Queen's visit to any one of her territories and that in no circumstances could he adopt a representation on such a topic from any foreign Power.

And Mr Lloyd added that Britain would take a serious view if any hostile demonstrations were organised during the Queen's visit.

Royal Standard of Queen Anne.

When the war ended, the territory—it is only 3½ miles in length, three-quarters of a mile in breadth, and 1,396 feet high at its highest point—was ceded to Britain under the most unequivocal terms under the Treaty of Utrecht of 1713. This treaty states:

"The Catholic King does hereby for himself, his heirs and successors yield to the Crown of Great Britain the full and entire property of the Town and Castle of Gibraltar, together with the Fort, fortifications and forts belonging thereto. And he gives up the said property to be held and enjoyed absolutely with all manner of right for ever without any exception or impediment whatsoever...."

It was not long before the Spaniards dishonoured their signature. They made an attack on the Rock in 1720, undertook a fruitless

The Navy was represented by a 60-gun ship, three frigates and one sloop of war, and at the outset there were less than five months' supplies of basic foods.

Later reinforcements included the 71st of Foot (Highland Light Infantry), the 97th (2nd Royal West Kents) and a roll midshipman who was later to become William IV.

The Franco-Iberian investing forces tried a variety of tactics: long-range blockade and hard-pressed siege; continuous bombardments by land and powerful seaborne attacks.

Their most determined venture was pressed by no less than 40,000 troops, 200 guns, 47 ships of the line, a multitude of small vessels and landing craft made of hinged planks, and ten formidable but unwieldy "floating batteries" each carrying from 10 to 26 guns with crews of 250 to 700 men.

The garrison suffered severely and great material damage was caused, but the fortress guns



The Rock of Gibraltar, photographed from the air.

settlement there. It was an important harbour under the Carthaginians; it became the first Roman colony in the whole Iberian peninsula; and it was occupied by the Goths after the fall of the Roman Empire. In the eighth century the Berbers and the Arabs seized it when they invaded Spain; they called the rock Gebel el Tarik (Mount Tarik) after the name of their leader, and this eventually got deformed into Gibraltar.

The Spaniards first came into the picture in 1309 when Ferdinand II of Castile captured the Moorish castle-fortress, but the

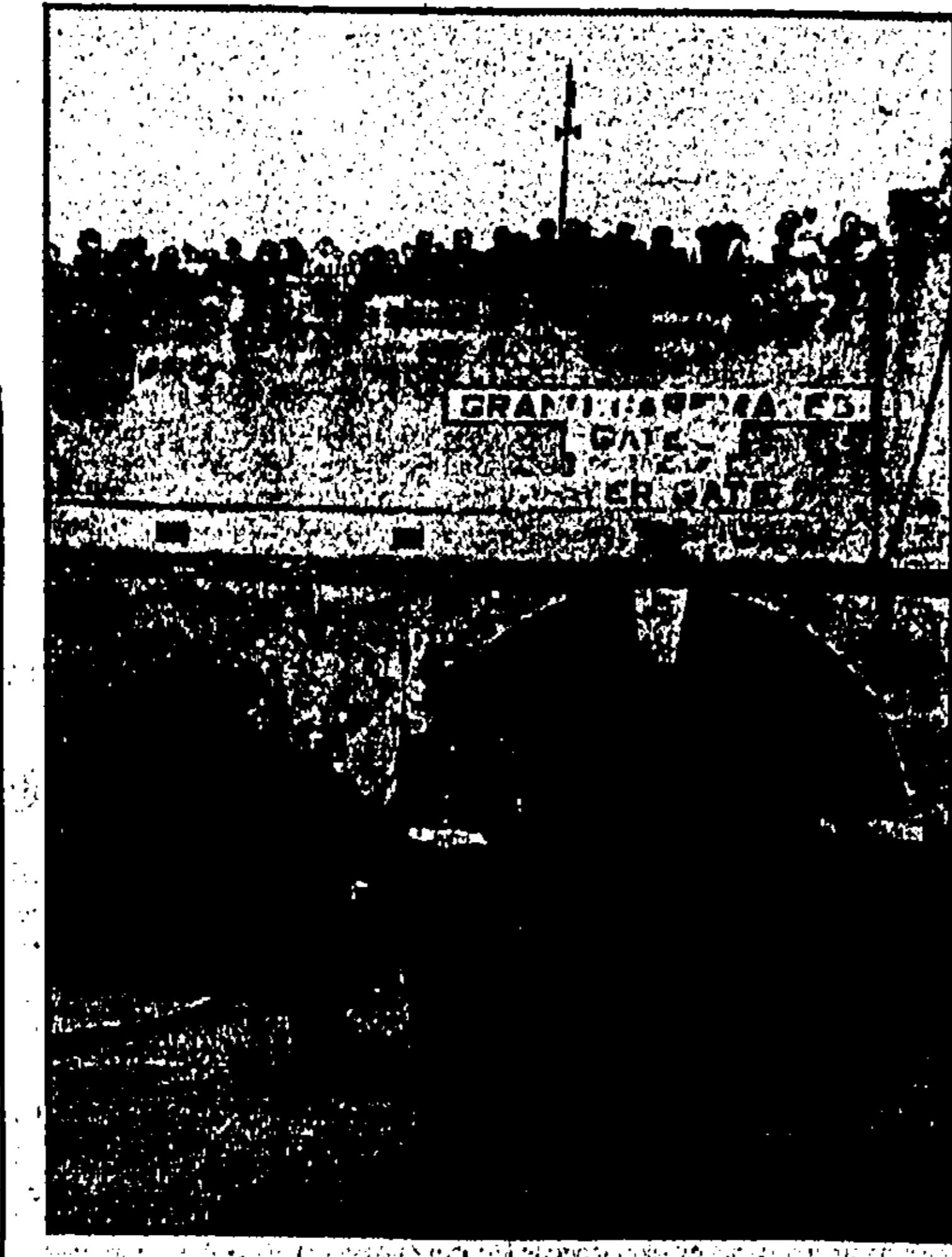
Bayer's TONIC

A Bayer tonic advertisement featuring a man in a suit and hat, sitting on a rock, with a bottle of tonic in the foreground. The text reads: "BAYER'S TONIC" and "BAYER".

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Pedigree For 18 Pence

By J. W. Taylor

THEY are expecting another busy year at Somerset House, dealing with the hundreds of enquiries, some by post, others personally, from Americans anxious to trace their British ancestry.

Remarkable research results are often achieved by the Somerset House experts, sometimes on the flimsiest of clues, although there are times when defeat seems imminent from the start.

Typical is the request from an American called Smith who seeks to establish the genealogical details of a grandfather born "somewhere in the Midlands, England, round about 1883." A common name calls for essential data as the precise date and place of birth; less is needed for a rarer name.

Cost of the search can be modest or very costly, according to the work involved. A sifting of records covering a period of five years at Somerset House costs 1s. 6d. if made in person, and 3s. 9d. if conducted through the post, in which case the applicant must take up a certified copy of an entry at an additional charge of 3s. 9d. An extensive search in person costs 30s. for six consecutive hours.

COLLEGE OF ARMS

The Society of Genealogists, a non-profit making concern, is also available for additional help at appropriate fees. The College of Arms, too, will help at charges that can be high, for the fees expected for private genealogists are appropriate to the high professional skill of the researchers engaged. A long and protracted search, much of it perhaps involving much wasted time on fruitless enquiries, can mean the expenditure of hundreds, perhaps thousands of pounds, before a pedigree can finally be established. The College concerns itself only with families who boast a crest or coat of arms.

The experts do not agree that snobbery has made Americans so ancestor-conscious; they say it comes of a very natural pride in one's origin. Somerset House have the impression, however, that social-climbing may have something to do with it, but admit that with many there are very practical reasons for the quest.

Some experts to establish hereditary right to an estate. There are those who are Latter Day Saints devotees, wishing to baptise their ancestors into their faith by proxy. Somerset House records each month regularly swell the posthumous roll of this sect by about 20 a month. Then there are Americans who can trace their descent to the Mayflower, and have through these researches been able to go back in their ancestry to the Middle Ages in England.

CHURCH RECORDS

Somerset House records in the Strand, London, are chiefly confined to births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales since 1837; Scottish and Irish records are filed in Edinburgh and Dublin. They also include records kept by churches prior to 1837, some of them going back to the middle of the 16th century; census returns since 1801, and military records for about two centuries.

Clothes sometimes take the searchers to the Somerset House Probate Registry; to the diocesan repositories all over the country; to mediaeval records and land deeds housed at the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane, finally to parish churches throughout the country containing details of births, marriages and deaths from 1536, when registration was introduced by law, to 1837.

The Society of Genealogists not only have an index of parish registers covering the whole country, but other research aids such as the passenger lists of early emigrant ships.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★ MORE PUSH-BUTTON FOR MRS. AMERICA

BIG business is obviously out to save the New World for prosperity

by electronics, aeronautics, hydromatics, and several billion dollars of expenditure

He adds that people are getting worried because in surplus foodstuffs, and another

order to pick up money now you have to bend.

Anyway, it is plain that American industry is prepared to bend. I don't know whether you see any of the American magazines, but if you do you will notice that they are carrying more advertising than ever before in their history. Newspapers are printing a record volume of advertising too.

East side, West side, all around the town there are exhibitions dominated by the push-button. The latest in motor-cars, motor-boats, kitchens, and household equipment on display near the sidewalks of New York.

I could not help thinking as I looked at the "Kitchen of tomorrow" brought to you today" in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel: "But can you boil an egg?"

Ovens, grills, ranges appeared, disappeared, slid sideways, backwards and forwards at the pressure of a lever. There was not the slightest resemblance between the old kitchen stove and the gleaming white laboratory on show before the gaping women.

Everything, it appears, is to be automatic, and maybe atomic, in the mechanical world of the future. Perhaps the housewife is becoming superfluous.

Other giant industries—steel, oil, rubber—depend on the motor-car. When the motor-car industry is sick the United States is sick.

In the hope that the cough will not become influenza or pneumonia, the motor-car magnates are raiding their treasure chests to sell their products.

I find it strange that so many businessmen, so ready to pour thousands of millions into "souped-up" selling, are so wary about reducing tariffs. Henry Ford is an exception, but most big executives shy away from drastic tariff reduction.

The report of the President's commission on trade policy has been received "frigidly" here. There's hardly a chance that American tariffs will be slashed or that the "Buy American" programme will be waived.

He says: "No depression is in my vision."

Young Henry Ford, more cautious, is slightly uneasy about rising unemployment, but he also is spending several hundred millions on new models and selling them to the public.

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prices are propped by the Government, which means the taxpayer.

The result is that the Government has a glut of food on its hands—200,000,000 bushels of butter stored away billions of eggs.

Standing fast

ACTUALLY, if American tariffs were scrapped entirely, I don't think the overall volume of U.S. business would be affected much. Small sections, such as the watch industry, would possibly be hurt.

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Farewell party

HALF of Broadway turned out for the party for London's Sir Henry Wilson. I saw Dolores Gray, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Gloria Swanson, Eva Gabor, Tonny Dorsey, Robert Q. Lewis, Lauren Bacall.

Wilson, who returns to London today, has been feted from here to Hollywood.

Scotland's Mary Garden says: "Muriel is all right for some operas, but you have a great career, why don't you want a man trailing you?"

The British musical, "The Friend," is awaited here. So is "The Author," which is to be a musical comedy.



"How do you expect me to remember your birthday when you never look any older?"

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

ENCOURAGED by the favourable reception (seven to one) of his proposal letters in an evening paper) accorded to his Triangle Traffic Plan, Charlie Suet has supplemented it with a plan for co-ordinating and scheduling the thirty-four lighting systems at present in use in the streets of London.

Briefly, his idea is to floodlight the lights at zebra crossings, in a way that they would be reflected by an arrangement of gigantic mirrors placed above and below the fluorescent approach-lights.

Colours used in his scheme would be green, blue, red, amber and purple, (purple, the latter only at each end).

Product: Each end of what?

Twenty Years of Uproar

Orchestra and stage were out of fashion at the beginning

(Music critic)

I RECALL an occasion when Rostropovich was to sing Massenet's "Pan" at the Royal Opera House. The orchestra given the music for "Carmen" Rostropovich went on with "Pan" as though nothing had happened. The orchestra, the singer and the scene-changers fell about the stage, bellowing with laughter.

Sheik Nokhsh el Fouleneugh

RIBBLE like many other people, he's cautious about Fouleneugh, captain. But he puts her off with playful replies. He says, "I was captain of a crew sent in to meet the Salvation Army, delectable rogue," or, more seriously, "I commanded a gunboat on the Tigris. Asked if he won any medals, he



Tomorrow!
FOTTE!!!

• DUMB-BELLS

IT MUST BE VERY BAD FOR THE HEALTH TO BE A GREAT COMPOSER - NEARLY ALL THE GREAT COMPOSERS ARE DEAD!



YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

BUON today, you have a kindly and likable personality. You will be friends wherever you go and some people make the mistake of thinking you are a bit silly. But you are the real thing, for while you are unusually available at all times, you can be quite stern and exert a will of iron if you are being tested. You know what you want. You will get it quickly if you can—but you know just when it is the proper time to hold out.

You are a little too critical of others and are more apt to see another's mistake rather than to admit that you will not always have a deep interest in whatever you are doing or your enthusiasm. But then your energy for hard work does not let you be the hard worker usually keeps a level head on your shoulders during a crisis. You are surprisingly enough not too bad when it comes to some minor matter that really is quite unimportant.

You have many moods. At sometimes you are on top of the world and at others you are inclined to become depressed beyond what facts warrant. Strive for emotional

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Always, always be calm and uninterested. Don't get excited over trifles just now.

PIRSES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Good will can bring harmony and happiness among your friends with whom you can be in contact.

AKRIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—Get caught up on necessary work at the office so you can play free and relaxing week-end at home.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Impulsive is not your strong point. Think twice more and must carefully before you start to act.

GRIMINI (May 22-June 21)—This may be a day of restlessness. If clouds are overhead, sunshine and a rainbow are near at hand.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Do something at a time and finish it before starting anything else and you will make better progress.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Do your best efforts to keep harmony in the household. An angry word could bring serious repercussions.

VERGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Don't depend upon others, but do what is necessary yourself, and you will feel true satisfaction.

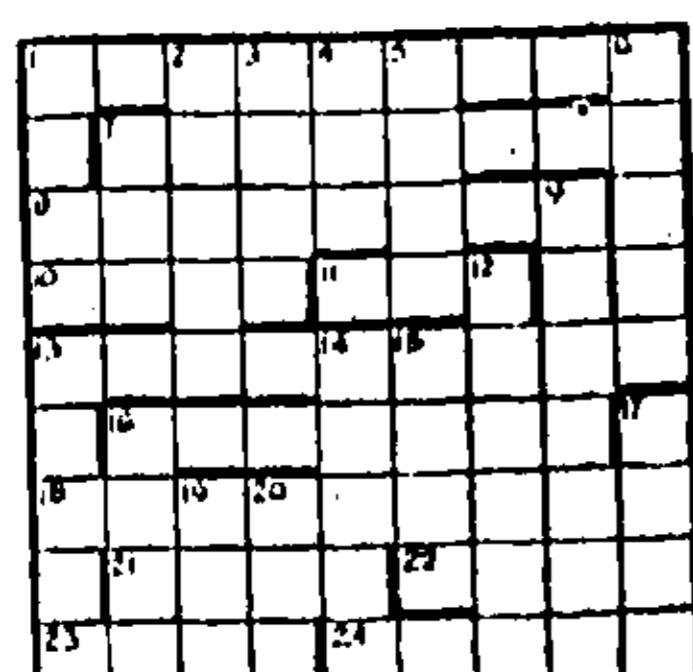
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Don't push and necessary things right on time and you'll be glad.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Don't hold anything over until next week. Do everything that should be finished today, efficiently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Plan a short trip out of town over the week-end, make all your arrangements, and you will be glad.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be careful that you are not misled by bad information, or by trying to be too clever.

CROSSWORD



• CARD Sense •

Q.—The bidding has been:

North East South West

1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass

2 Diamonds Pass ?

You, South, hold: Spades K-

Q-J-7-3, Heart 4, Diamonds K-

Q-5-3-2, Clubs A-J. What do you do?

A.—Bid four no-trump. If your partner has only one ace, you will stop at five diamonds.

If he has two aces, you will go on to six diamonds. If he has three aces you will bid the grand slam in diamonds.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding has been:

North East South West

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2 Hearts Pass ?

You, South, hold: Spades K-

J-7-2-2, Heart 4, Diamonds Q-

7-6-4-4, Clubs 8-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow.

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

T. J. VERNON

Rearrange the letters to spell his occupation.

(Answer on Page 10)

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Good Play and Luck Win Bridge Hands

NORTH	♦ A63		
♦ A1075	♦ 0		
♦ 0	10904		
WEST	♦ K872		
♦ K8032	♦ Q1095		
♦ K4	♦ 4		
♦ J5	♦ K8732		
SOUTH (D)	♦ 4		
♦ 4	♦ QJ		
♦ 4	♦ AQJ 107532		
♦ 4	♦ AQ		
North-South vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 N.T.	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ 2			

BY OSWALD JACOBY

"THIS hand may strike your fancy," writes Phil Garland, well-known Tucumcari expert. "My partner took a finesse successfully but couldn't afford to repeat the finesse even though the repetition would surely succeed."

"The hand was bid, of course, but we needed a few good scores to win the Open Pair event in the Port Angeles championships, and you don't get good scores by just sitting still. West opened a low spade, and my partner, Charlie Davidoff, and I sat down in dummy's seat to try the trump finesse."

"It had found the king of trumps on side, the hand would have been easy, but West won the king of diamonds and tried to cash the king of spades. Charlie ruffed and led out a few rounds of trumps, discarding two low hearts from the dummy in the hope of disguising his great interest in dummy's hearts.

"His next step was to lead the jack of hearts for a finesse. West played low, and the finesse succeeded. It was now clear, of course, that West had the king of hearts because East would have been happy to take the setting trick if he had been able to do so. But Charlie couldn't afford to lead the queen of hearts and let it ride, because then he would be stuck in his own hand with no way to avoid the loss of a club trick."

"My partner led out the rest of his trumps, hoping to discover who had the king of clubs. West had to keep two hearts and could therefore keep only one club. He discarded one club with such unconcern that it seemed unlikely that he had the king of clubs. This wasn't evidence that would stand up in a court of law, of course, but it was better than nothing."

"Charlie finally led the queen of hearts, hoping that West had only the king left. But West could still play a low heart. So Charlie put up dummy's ace of hearts and led a club towards his hand. He tried the club finesse, and made the claim when that finesse worked.

"Some kits come filled with cosmetics. These usually contain cleansing and night creams, hand lotion, powder, rouge and lipstick. The larger cases provide room for tissues, toothpaste and other beauty essentials.

WOMANSENSE

Latest Trend In Hat Styles



FROM the new spring hat collections in Paris came the warning of the smart, severe little hat—untrimmed, chic, but hard to carry off.

In its place: the Frankly Pretty Hat. It is complicated, small, flowery, and fluttering, and you wear it straight or slightly tilted forward.

Three of the prettiest are pictured here:

ABOVE: Yellow crinkled chiffon pillbox with a huge flower on the side.

TOP RIGHT: Yellow and orange flowers on a crown of twisted green tulle.

RIGHT: Grey and white striped silk, trimmed with big red flowers.

The Perfect House Guest

By Helen Follett

THE well-mannered house guest should not borrow beauty aids from her hostess. Cosmetics are personal belongings. No woman cares to have others dipping into her jars of cream or spraying on her expensive perfume, and the like.

The girl who is lucky enough to be invited to house parties over weekends should have a travel case of cosmetics. There are many in the shops, and at all prices. Some are so

reasonable they won't make much of a dent in the beauty budget. These cases are a good investment because they're wonderfully convenient for long vacation trips, too.

If she wants to be invited again, the house guest should be neat and tidy. If she leaves her room in disorder, she will get a low mark and no return trip. She should tidy the bathroom, folding towels carefully, washing the tub after she has her bath.

If there is no maid, she should lend a helping hand with the housework. Above all, she should not overstay her welcome there.

Paris Dress Shows Bring Spring Nearer...

By A. Edwards & D. Beyfus

PARIS. YOUNGER than spring, this was the mood of the Paris dress shows last week-end. Like a cloud of spring flowers, the girls drifted by in their dresses of April sky blue, mimosa, wild rose, snowdrop, white and green, buttercup, bluebell, and primrose.

It brought spring a little nearer . . . and, as it turned out, it was perfect timing by that famous publicist and dress designer Jacques Fath. For it made his dress show as cheering as a flash of warm sunshine in this freezing Paris.

It was not only the spring flower colours that were good to look at. The dresses too were what you longed to take home and wear on the first fine day that comes along. And that is something unusual for the eccentric Mr Fath.

THE CHOICE

The big question in the fashion world is not whether to wear skirts shorter—they are fixed at the length that suits you best.

The question smart women will have to decide is whether to have a boned and corseted waist, or no waist.

The recent dress show did not solve the problem, for there were plenty of both kinds of dresses.

Among the clothes that were right around the middle: Tweed or silk suits, straight tweed dresses with big cape collars, and vest evening dresses in pale colours. All these have bows sewn into the dress, loose round the middle.

Among the clothes that were wrong: the short, tight, short-sleeved jackets with big collars and boned waistlines, which button right down the front.

TO SUM UP—Most of the clothes were the kind that most women like to wear. But it was not a show to shock the ears off you. And it is shock tactics, alas, that makes the fashion world go round.

Woman Of 60 Dives Afire Into Tank For Amusement

St Petersburg, Fla. ELLA CARVER looks like the hundreds of grey-haired grandmothers who have come to the Florida Gulf Coast to relax in the sun, chat with their neighbours and knit sweaters for their grandchildren.

But Miss Carver, who uses her maiden name, doesn't knit or gossip for relaxation. Her idea of a good time is to climb a 90-foot steel tower, coat herself with gasoline, set it afire and dive into a steel tank containing five feet of water.

Another one of her amusements is to climb on one of her five trained horses, and then with her mount leap from a 40-foot tower into a tank of water 12 feet deep.

Performer for 50 Years

Ella Carver, at 60, is a carnival performer—has been since she was 10 and following her father around the carnival circuit.

Her father originated the diving horse act the year she was born.

"Heights have never worried me," said Miss Carver. "When I was a kid in Bluefield, W. Va., I climbed every tree in the county. My mother always worried about me."

Her seven brothers and sisters decided against a carnival career. Her son, Lewis, tried the act for a while but quit to join the Navy.

The performing grandmother toured Japan and other parts of the Orient twice, before World War II and still laughs over some of the experiences on the return trip.

Never Hurt—Much

"I kept in shape by doing aerial acts on the ship's rigging," she said. "Once I dived off the ship's bridge when we were anchored. The captain was horrified."

She has been burned repeatedly in her "fire dive," but never seriously enough to cancel her act.

WEALTH OF NEW TALENT IN SCHOOLBOYS' BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

By "ARGONAUT"

A wealth of new talent and an improved standard of badminton were the gratifying features of the opening games of the 1954 Colony Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Open Championships at the Queen's College courts yesterday.

The most impressive display was by Chu Sui-wah of Pui Chung School. Competing in the junior class, Chu accounted for DBS's Sinn Dung-shun by 15-0 and 18-17 and during the two-set game showed himself to be a good miniature of shuttle king Wong Peng-soon in build, footwork, strokes and court mannerisms.

Under proper coaching, the Pui Chung player is a safe bet not only to garner the Colony title in five or six years' time but also to make himself conspicuous in international badminton. He looks the most promising player Hong Kong has ever had.

The Midget class event, introduced for the first time and limited to students of under 15 years of age and five feet in height, was given an excellent start.

The fighting spirit of such "midgets" as Sinn Dung-shun and the two Wong brothers, Philip and Martin, as they gritted their teeth and fought undauntedly against opponents who were more than a foot taller deserves special mention.

One of them, however, Wong Kai-lam of Clementi Middle School, standing barely two racket lengths in height, showed that size was not all in the game. Playing like a seasoned veteran, Wong kept his much bigger schoolmate, Lee Hoo-kuen, on the run throughout the two sets with beautifully executed drops, lobs and drives to win comfortably by 15-7 and 15-3.

In the two most closely-contested games of the evening

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 8th Race Meeting 1953/54 to be held on Saturday 27th February and Saturday 6th March, 1954, (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday 16th February, 1954.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MSA,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SEVENTH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 13th February 1954.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 8 RACES

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.

The Secretary's office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 7281).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS & REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

The cost of a Through Ticket is \$10.00 Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 12th February, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguilar Street and 332 Nathan Road, during normal office hours and until 11 a.m. on the race day.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Tack men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

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NEW TERRITORIES

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Orders Accepted.
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SPECTACULAR LEAP



Boniperti, the Italian centre-forward, makes a spectacular leap to boot the ball during the Italy v. Egypt match in Milan, which Italy won by 5 goals to 1. On the left is Helmi of Egypt.—Express Photo.

West Indies In A Commanding Position In Second Test

Bridgetown, Feb. 10.

The West Indies were in a commanding position at the close of play today in the second Test match against England, having amassed a lead of 474 runs with nine wickets in hand.

The score at the close was: Laker 30 13 02 0
Lock 29 6 89 0
Palmer 5 1 15 0
Compton 1 0 13 0
—Reuter.

Holt was still unbeaten with 100 when stumps were drawn. His total includes one six and 27 fours. He has batted 280 minutes so far. He reached his first Test century in 172 minutes.

The second wicket stand between Holt and Worrell has so far realised 221 runs in 210 minutes, only seven short of the record West Indies' second-wicket partnership against Eng-

land.

Worrell's score was 74 not out.

The new ball was available after tea at 170, but Hutton persisted with slow bowlers for 40 more minutes. He took it at 221 after Holt had scored 13 of one Compton over.

Holt and Worrell continued batting in the manner of top-class batsmen at not practice against second-rate bowlers.

West Indies did not enforce the follow-on when they dismissed England for 181 soon after the start of the fourth day's play today.

The England innings ended without addition to the overnight score. The remaining batsmen, Lock and Statham, prodded defensively for three overs, then Statham swung wildly in Valentine's next over and skied a catch to cover.

After Stollmeyer was run out for the second time in the match—Worrell and Holt remained unbeaten until the close.

It was only two weeks ago that he said: "I wish some of my old footballing cronies would come along and visit me." That was a cry from the heart of a lonely old man who contributed so much skill and pleasure to the game of soccer.

One of his last visitors was Len Braund, the old Surrey, Somerset and England all-round cricketer and that was quite an effort on Len's part—for he has no legs. Woodward was a fine cricketer too, and it is over a quarter of a century now since I saw him knock up a century for Middlesex Wanderers.

His 60 "caps" for England—26 full ones and 40 amateurs—is a record, and, for an amateur, so

There Are Too Many 'Mr Grundys' In The Golf World

Says JEAN DONALD

Men—even the most gallant of them—are apt to look on women as a nuisance on the golf course. I want to join the issue with them on that score. It's high-time the woman player had a champion—and I mean to tackle the job!

I've been playing golf since I was about six years old, and I know how much encouragement our girls—from beginners to experts—need.

The Americans teach the game, times as low as half, so they to the lower fees they are charged.

And now that so many of the "all male" clubs—and their professionals—are feeling a financial pinch, I think the day will come when most clubhouse doors will be opened to us.

The initial expense—with clubs costing around £3 each and bags up to £12—is another alarming thought for the beginner.

But I began as a six-year-old with a driver, a putter and a mashie, building up gradually with the occasional birthday present until I achieved my first match set at 18.

Now I have the "full bag" of 14 clubs—4 woods and 10 irons. A playing set of that kind, bag included—might cost more than £60. But I would suggest about a quarter of that as a fair outlay in the early stages.

Five clubs make a good beginners' set—brassie, mid-iron (No. 3), mashie (No. 5), niblick (No. 7) and putter.

If you work hard at the game and by this I mean practice, practice, and yet more practice you will get a tremendous amount of enjoyment out of it.

So far my golf has taken me, apart from almost every corner of the United Kingdom, to France, Belgium, America, and South Africa. I have played on a tremendous variety of courses under many different conditions. It has been an exciting experience.

We can't all make the world our golfing parish, but we can all get our own kind of "deck" out of the game.—(London Express Service).

Farewell To Three Grand Old Men

By ARCHIE QUICK

Three famous sportsmen died last week on the same day, Sir Henry Leveson-Gower, Vivian Woodward and Wagstaffe Simmons.

Sir Henry, knighted only last year and better known as "Shrimp," was cricket captain of Winchester School, Oxford University, Surrey and England. He was also organiser of the Scarborough Festival which he inaugurated nearly fifty years ago.

He was treasurer of the Surrey Club and President for twenty years. He was a Test Selector and he toured with the MCC in South Africa and the West Indies. He was a genial man, always ready to help, and I am but one of the many Pressmen who have profited by his knowledge, advice and willingly given information.

Wagstaffe Simmons was a Director of Tottenham Hotspur and he was a member of the Football Association Council for 25 years. He was also a Fleet Street reporter for 50 years. But I remember him best when he ordered out of the Spurs' Boardroom, the wife of a foreign Ambassador, with the brusque comment: "No women allowed in here!"

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By Barry Appleby

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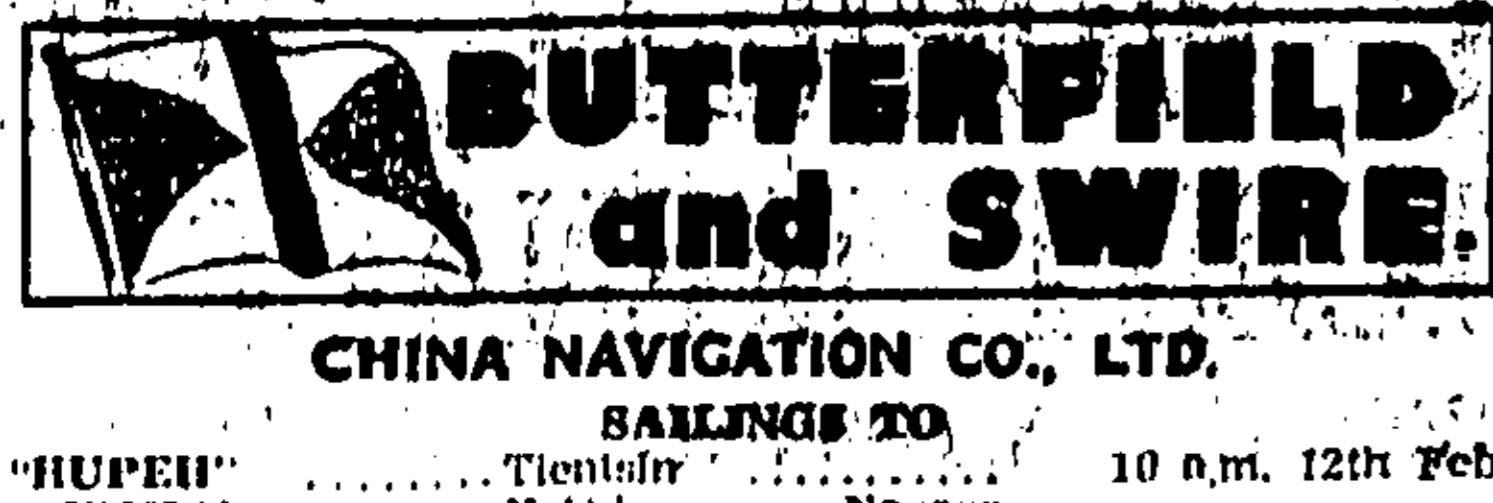
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SAILINGS TO
"HUEHUE" Tientsin, 10 a.m. 12th Feb.
"FUKIEN" Yokohama, Nagoya, 5 p.m. 13th Feb.
Osaka & Kobe
ARRIVALS FROM
"FUKIEN" Bangkok 8 a.m. 12th Feb.
"SZECHUEN" Tungking, Muang 13/14th Feb.

A.O. LINE LTD./C.N. CO., LTD., JOINT SERVICE
SAILINGS TO
"CHANGTE" Yokohama, Yokohachi & Kobe 8 a.m. 10th Feb.
ARRIVALS FROM
"CHANGTE" Australia & Manila 7 a.m. 13th Feb.

BLUE FUNNEL LINE
Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said
"EUMAEUS" Liverpool & Glasgow 13th Feb. 14th Feb.
"ASCANTUS" Liverpool & Dublin 23rd Feb. 24th Feb.
"AGAPENOR" Genoa, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, London & Hamburg 23rd Feb. 24th Feb.
"PELEUS" Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow 5th Mar. 6th Mar.
"AUTOMEDON" Liverpool & Glasgow 13th Mar. 14th Mar.
Scheduled Sailings from Europe
"PELEUS" Liverpool & Rotterdam 14th Feb. 15th Feb.
"AUTOMEDON" do 23rd Feb. 27th Feb.
"ATREUS" do 10th Mar. 15th Mar.
"BI LEROPHON" do 25th Mar.
"PATROCLUS" do 2nd Apr.
"ALCINOUS" 10th Feb. 7th Apr.
"ANTIOCHUS" 24th Feb. 3rd Mar.
"CYCLOPS" 3rd Mar. 7th Apr.
G. Loading Glasgow before Liverpool. S. Loading Swansea before Liverpool.
Carriers' option to proceed via other ports in land and discharge cargo.

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ARRIVING FROM U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC COAST PORTS.
"BATAAN" Sails N.Y. Sails S.F. Arr. H.K.
"MUNCASTER CASTLE" Sailed Sailed 16th Feb.
"TELEMACHUS" do do 5th Mar.
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A New Job For La Petite Brigitte, The Parachuting War Reporter

Hanoi, Feb. 10.

"Madame Parachute," a slim French girl reporter who has parachuted down on battlefields all over Indo-China in the past two years, is leaving the war here this spring to fight another battle—in the United States.

She wants to collect enough ammunition there to combat what she calls "uninformed" criticism in France of Americans—caused, she says, by French pride and obstinacy.

"Madame Parachute" is not a Madame at all. She is 29-year-old Mademoiselle Brigitte Friang who carries with her, even on the battlefield, the chic of a fashionable Paris couturier.

She was dubbed "Madame Parachute" by the tough red-beer paratroops here, many of whom have almost stopped being amazed at seeing this 99lb. five-ft. tw-inch girl float down into action with them.

But not all of them. When she dropped into the mountain bowl of Dien Bien Phu on the northern borders of Laos in November 1953, her parachute caught in a tree, and she was left swaying in mid-air 20 feet from the ground.

A French paratrooper, who spotted her, was so surprised that he ran away as though he had seen a ghost, yelling: "A French girl! There's a French girl up that tree!"

Nor did he return until he had found two comrades to accompany him.

In Indo-China, Brigitte Friang has come into the public eye because of her spectacular feats as a reporter-parachutist for official French war publications. But her history as a war heroine dates back 12 years, when, as a girl of 18, she began her own war against the Germans occupying her country.

Dull Lectures

For her bravery then she won the Croix de Guerre (French Military Cross) and became a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour. She has won a second Croix de Guerre in Indo-China.

Cross Of Lorraine

She went first to Ravensbruck, then to Czechoslovakia. She broke rocks and cleaned factories, and made secret p. s. for V-2 rockets.

Once she has learnt enough about the Americans, "Madame Parachute" intends to launch an attack on a section of the French population, which, she says, criticizes the United States and American policy without knowing anything about either of them.

In 1942, Brigitte was a medical student in Paris. But she found lectures on chemistry and work at the dissection table too tame. She wanted to be dissecting not corpses but the German Nazis who occupied her country.

Before the year was out, she became a full-time member of the underground resistance. She worked as secretary to a cell leader, whose job was to "soften up" the North of France—Normandy, Brittany, Anjou and Touraine—for the Allied invasion. It was here that the Allies were later to form their Arromanches bridgehead and the American armoured columns were to carve their giant corridor round Hitler's German armies.

Resistance Worker

Still posing as a medical student, she leapt out of an upstairs window into the street. The Americans shipped her back to France in a cattle truck.

After working for five years with General de Gaulle's Holly of the French People, "Madame Parachute" went to political prison, "organizing the delivery" of arms dropped by aircraft from England.

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When work, so shoddy that it was obviously sabotaged, began to appear on the delivery lines, the factory authorities ordered every worker to mark her pieces with her own sign. Brigitte marked hers with the Cross of Lorraine, the sign of General de Gaulle's Free French.

Early in 1945, the Germans put Brigitte aboard a train with 1,500 other women bound for the gas-chambers at Dachau. But American bombers blew up the track and the train never arrived. Instead, it shuttled about between the advancing Russian and Allied armies.

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JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

A London
Evening

THE young Dutch businessman came over on the Hook of Holland-Harwich service, and his first sight of London was Liverpool Street station in all its morning glory.

The gossamer quality of the gaiety there is enough to persuade most visitors that London is full of romance and improvidence, and the young businessman, whose name was Freddy, caught the mood at once.

He dropped his bag at his hotel, and somehow got through the working day. Then the enchanting evening lay ahead, and the whole town seemed his.

As so often happens in romances, the young man presently met a girl.

DOUBLE MAGIC

AND as usually happens abroad, she seemed possessed of twice the magic of the girls in Dordrecht or Utrecht or Bergen-op-Zoom, because he had so little of her language, and she had not a word of his.

At a point in the evening he said, with a thumb in the right side of his pocket dictionary, "We will have dinner, yes?"

"Suits me," the girl said.

"Dinner, eh?" Freddy repeated. To make his meaning clear, he went through the motions of eating.

"Sure," said the girl, "let's go."

"But first," Freddy said, "I must some money have from my bag which in my hotel is."

VANISHING TRICK

"WHATEVER you say," said the girl, who was beginning to be bored with Freddy, and thought she saw a way of dodging the evening ahead.

They reached Freddy's hotel. "You just wait here," he said to the girl, "I get the money." He beamed, and bounded up the steps into the hotel lobby, like a stag. When he came back, the girl had gone.

He went into the street, and looked up and down. At first, there was no sign of her. Then he thought he saw her on the other side of the road. He raced across. "Now, now, now," he said, in mock reprimand, "you think you run away, eh?" It was the wrong girl. This one took one look at Freddy, and bolted.

SECOND ATTEMPT

Puzzled, the young man returned across the roadway, looking about him. "Ah," he said to himself, "there she is." He swept up to another total stranger, and this young woman was so put about by Freddy's advance upon her, that she ran away and attached herself to an elderly lady who was passing, and begged to be escorted out of Freddy's range.

A policeman had been watching Freddy. Now he came up. "I'm arresting you," he said, "for using insulting behaviour whereby a breach of the peace might have been occasioned." Freddy reached for his pocket dictionary.

At Bow Street, next morning, Freddy, dark-eyed as if through lack of sleep, but not unhandsome, pleaded not guilty to the charge, and the story was told to Sir Laurence Dunne, the Chief Magistrate.

BE CAREFUL . . .

"WERE these respectable women he spoke to?" Sir Laurence asked the officer in charge of the case.

"Oh, quite respectable, sir." "It was just the wrong ladies, so they was frightened," said Freddy.

"You've got to be careful, in this country," Sir Laurence said to him. "You'd better have a better system of recognition, if you're going to meet young ladies. This time I shall," discharge you conditionally."

Freddy nodded, as though the words meant nothing much to him until he could consult his dictionary. He bowed deeply, and went sadly away into the deceptive gaiety of Covent Garden.

What's His Line? Solution
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Trade Agreement
Debate

(Continued from Page 1)

the Lancashire textile industry was having great difficulties.

NO POWER OR RIGHT

Turning to the colonies, Mr. Maudling said: "We have no power or right to say they must not spend their own money on what but Lancashire goods."

He added: "I don't think anyone would dispute that nothing could have a worse effect on our relations with the Commonwealth than to insist on a proposition of that kind."

Mr. Maudling said it had never been the practice of any government to consult a whole industry before coming to a decision. The Labour Government in 1951 did not do so when it imposed the colonial quotas in 1951. Nor did it seek assistance against unfair trading practices when it signed the 1951 Japanese agreement.

But Mr. Maudling gave an assurance that if instances of unfair trading practices were brought to the Government's notice it would take action.

Mr. Maudling said it was true that Lancashire would have to bear a large part of the burden.

But that was because it was textiles, particularly cotton textiles, that the colonies wanted to buy.

The main increase in the colonial licences would be in the entrepot colonies. In the other colonies which bought Japanese goods for consumption, the increase in licensed imports would be £7,500,000—compared with last year—from £17,500,000 to £25,000,000.

The actual amount sold in those colonies would depend upon the degree to which Lancashire was competitive and to which Japanese exports displaced goods from other countries.

Even if the Japanese sold £25,000,000 in the colonies, that would be substantially less than the rate at which the colonies were buying immediately after the 1951 agreement.

A situation had now been reached where there were no longer any balance of payments reasons for limiting imports into the colonies of goods they needed from Japan.

Mr. Maudling said in practice this should not mean a substantial displacement of Lancashire goods in the colonies.

NO SERIOUS INJURY

Without a renewal of the sterling payments agreement there might well be a bilateral Japan-Australia payments agreement which might have forced more Japanese goods into Australia and Lancashire's expense.

Mr. Maudling said there was "no shadow of doubt" the agreement was in Britain's interest, it would do no serious injury to any British industry.

Mr. Ralph Ashton, a Conservative from Lancashire who moved the Conservative motion, said: Mr. Maudling's speech had disclosed some additional facts of which he and his friends were not previously aware. He thought they would tend to allay Lancashire's fears.

Mr. I. M. Thorobin, a Conservative, who recalled that for several years he was a prisoner of war of the Japanese, declared that the case for the agreement was overwhelming.

If one result was to make Japan solvent and give Australia a bigger wool cheque, it might well be to the advantage of Lancashire.

Mr. John Edwards, in a winding-up speech, for the Opposition, disputed Mr. Maudling's contention that the agreement was a continuation of the 1951 agreement. It had entirely new features which were causing concern, for instance, in the potteries.

The new features were the token quotas for Japanese imports into Britain which had not been admitted here since before the war. It was wrong to suggest that because the quantities were small they would have no effect.

He was afraid that if Japanese exports to the colonies were to go up by £7,500,000 it would be at the expense of Lancashire.

GOOD OR BAD?

Mr. Thorneycroft said he was not sure whether the Opposition was in favour of the agreement or against it. The big question was whether it was a good or bad agreement. If it was bad, then no amount of consultation with Lancashire would have turned it into a good one.

Some Labour members called out "It is a bad one."

Mr. Thorneycroft: "Then the Opposition motion is against the agreement." Their interruption

was the "most effective speech in the debate."

Mr. Thorneycroft said the know of Lancashire's feeling that Japanese wages were only 40 per cent of the British.

"But we are not the only people in the world who have these fears about other people," he said.

The gap between Japanese and British wages was about the same as that between British and American wages. There were about 40 per cent of this, including cry of 'You silly ass.'

Mr. Thorneycroft went on to speak of socialism and fear of those practices.

Those allegations had come from the mouth of the Japanese, Mr. Thorneycroft said.

But there were already treaty obligations dealing with it.

It was especially provided that the Japanese should conform to internationally accepted fair practices. It was difficult to imagine anything more specific than that.

The Japanese were signalities of the Madrid Convention on trade practices of origin and another one on industrial property rights.

SITUATION MET

The Conservative amendment exactly met the situation, they said. It asked that if the treaty obligations were broken, Lancashire should not be at the mercy of Japan.

Clearly there was a limit to what the Government could do. But he could give the assurance that it would watch the situation. If it found the treaty obligations were broken it would take "inadequate steps." No doubt the colonial Governments could consider taking comparable action.

The colonies were "masters of their own fate" in these matters. They and not the British Government decided what were the appropriate quotas.

No one would suggest that if Japan was going to sell textiles to China she should not do it through Hongkong.

That was a perfectly legitimate and proper trade.

Of the rest £23,000,000 went to the non-entrepot colonies—an increase of £7,500,000 on goods possibly including 50,000,000 to 60,000,000 yards of cloth.

Lancashire would not lose all that, he said. Some of the loss would be sustained by India and other countries.

If the £3,000,000 worth of grey Japanese cloth were not taken here it would be taken by other countries and sentenced to death on December 1 last.

Counsel said that appellant was tried before Mr. Justice Scholes and a jury on a charge of murder and was found guilty.

The appeal was dismissed.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



T. M. R. N. (See C. O. for C. O. 11-5)

"No, I know I don't need an expensive necklace, but we ought to look ahead—think of all the money we could borrow on it if we ever were hard up!"

Court Dismisses
Appeal Against
Death Sentence

An appeal against sentence of death for the murder of a woman Wu Kwai-lan on July 10, 1953, was brought by Ho Chung-foon, 24, rubber factory worker, before the Full Court of Appeal, comprising the two Puisne Judges, Mr. Justice C. W. Reece and Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg this morning.

The appeal was dismissed.

Mr. T. Shurlock told the Court that he was assigned to appear for the appellant, on the instructions of Mr. Alfred Hon.

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Appellant had appealed on the ground that he was falsely accused and was wrongly convicted, Counsel said.

Mr. Shurlock said he had studied the record with care and had consulted some of his colleagues and he was unable to find any ground on which to argue the appeal before the Court.

Counsel referred the Court to a case in the Criminal Appeal Reports of 1948 (the case of Rex v. Frederick Reynolds) in which the Lord Chief Justice said that the Court always read the transcript of the case and when it was perfectly clear there was no ground for appeal there was no duty on the Court other than to tell the Court that he represented the appellant.

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